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Yucca Mountain Rail Alignment EIS

Memorandum for the Record



DATE: December 09 – 15, 2005

METHOD: _ Meeting x Phone _ Fax _ E-Mail _ Other

PURPOSE/SUBJECT: Inquiry to Available Flood Data at BLM

ORGANIZATION **PARTICIPANT(S)**

PHE Cynthia Ong

BLM (various – see table below for details)

SUMMARY

During the weeks of December 4 and 11, several BLM offices were contacted (by Cynthia Ong) to check on what, if any, type of flood data was available via the BLM. Direct correspondence was conducted on the phone. In general, everyone contacted indicated that BLM did not keep/manage flood data for the State of Nevada. The table below specifies who was contacted and what was said.

Person (Specialty)	Location	Phone #	Date & Content
Brenda Linnell (Realty Specialist)	Ely field office	775/289-1808	12/09/05 – Brenda, and others in the office (she asked around), were not aware of any flood data in the office. She said that she's never seen any type of GIS data or any type of flood mapping for the state. She advised me to contact Doris Metcalf who is the main contact in their office for the Yucca project.
Rhen Etzelmiller (Biologist)	Tonopah field office	775/482-7848	12/09/05 – Rhen was not aware of any type of flood data in their office. He advised me to contact Wendy Seley (realty) in their office and also to John Sherve, the hydrologist in BLM's Battle Mountain field office.
John Sherve (Hydrologist)	Battle Mountain field office	775/635-4000	12/09/05 – John stated that their office did not have any flood data. Usually when they need flood info, they request it from the Bureau of Reclamation. He said that he would call around and then contact me if was successful in locating any available flood data.
Wendy Seley (Realty Specialist)	Tonopah field office	775/482-7806	12/09/05 – Wendy stated that there was no flood data in their office. She advised me to contact the State's Water Resources Division for data.
John Sherve (Hydrologist)	Battle Mountain field office	775/635-4000	12/13/05 – John called me back and told me that he didn't have any luck locating systematic flood data for the state. Generally BLM doesn't collect and create maps for floodplains. Flooding is not a big concern for BLM, but when they do need this type of info, they deal with it on a smaller, more local scale (i.e., county/community zoning issues). He referred me to FEMA website for FIRM data.
Jeff Steinmetz (Planning & Environmental)	Las Vegas field office	702/515-5000	12/13/05 – Jeff was not aware of any flood data in their office. He advised me to contact the Clark County Flood District office.
Sharon DiPinto (Realty Specialist)	Las Vegas field office	702/515-5000	12/15/05 – Sharon stated that their office did not have any flood data.